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REF: a) STATE 1132; b) ASHGABAT 0035

Embassy Ashgabat conveyed ref a demarche on preparations for the 2008 meeting of the U.S.-Central Asia Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA) to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on January 8. The Charge followed up with a separate demarche to the Foreign Minister (ref b). Any substantive response will be reported septel.

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